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F R O M V I C T O R Y

THE THEME

This is How We Fight Our Battles: From Victory!

MEMORY VERSE

“... in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” - **Romans 8:37**

CHALLENGE VERSE

“... be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”
- **Ephesians 6:10**

APRIL 30 - LIFE APPLICATION

We fight our battles when we surrender to God.

Note to Parents:

Our current topic is “This is How We Fight our Battles.” This week, we learned to **fight our battles by surrendering**. Turn to **pages 463-464** in *The Action Bible*, and **2 Kings 19** in your Bible for reference. If you did not go to church on Sunday, you can listen to the sermon online before discussing: momentsofhopechurch.org/messages

1. **Review:** We all have battles in our lives, different kinds of battles, and right now we are learning how we fight our battles. First, we have to **fight from victory**, knowing the battle is already won because God is on our side. Next, we **fight with song and praise** – there is something powerful about singing together! Then, we **fight our battles knowing we are surrounded** by Jesus, an angel army, and a host of witnesses who went to heaven before us. They are FOR us, encouraging us, cheering us on.
2. This week, **we learn that we can fight our battles by surrendering to God and giving the battle to him**. Together, read **pages 463-464** in *The Action Bible: Insults and Prophecies*. **What does it mean to insult someone?** (*Discuss.*) **Who was insulting Hezekiah and the Israelites?** (*The Assyrian King sent some of his men to Jerusalem to yell insults at the Israelites and tell them what their fate would be if they didn't surrender. If the Israelites were afraid and surrendered, the Assyrians would not have to fight them. And, they even mocked, made fun of, God.*)
3. **How did this make the Israelites feel?** (*They began wondering if God would really save them. They had doubts about what God could do to help them. Hezekiah and the people were hopeless.*) **Have you ever felt hopeless? Like nothing could be done to help you?**
4. Hezekiah prayed. Read **2 Kings 19:14-19**. He laid out the problem before the Lord in the Temple. **What did he ask God to do?** (*He asked God to save them. He surrendered and gave it all to God!*)
5. **Who did Hezekiah turn to for advice?** (*He sent for the prophet, Isaiah, the same Isaiah who wrote the book of Isaiah in the Bible.*) **What did Isaiah say?** (*Read 2 Kings 19:32-34. Isaiah reminded Hezekiah that the Lord controls all things, even*

the armies and nations of the world, and that the Lord said that the Assyrians would not come into the city and that He would defend the city from attack.)

6. **What happened to the Assyrians after Hezekiah gave the battle to the Lord?** (*2 Kings 19:35* - one angel came and destroyed 185,000 Assyrians who were there to attack Jerusalem!)
7. **Can God help us win the battle? What do we need to do?** (*We need to pray about what is going on and ask God to help us.*)

How can we surrender it all to God?

- Don't listen to the voice of the enemy in your mind or from other people creating doubt.
- Know that God controls all – even the nations and kings!
- He controls your life.
- He just wants you to surrender all to him and trust.

Jesus surrendered it all to God in the Garden on the night before He was crucified. The VICTORY was won when He submitted it all to God's plans and purposes for Him. He didn't listen to the enemy's voice of another plan. We were lost through sin in a garden called Eden. We were saved through surrender in a garden called Gethsemane.

Surrender allows God to unleash even one angel to defeat our problems!

FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. Together, watch "Superbook - King Hezekiah prays and Isaiah prophesies."
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGldDOyn8kc>
2. Ask your family members to name any battles or worries they are experiencing. **Demonstrate surrender to your family.** Have them hold their hands out, clenched fist. Then, turn their hands over, palms up, giving their battles and problems to God. If we have given our battles to God, should we trust Him with them? But, if we start worrying again and stop trusting God, it means we are not putting our hope in Him. Once we have given Him control, we need to continue to trust Him. He can do anything!

Pray together, giving our battles and our worries to God. While praying, have your family hold their hands open, palms up, in an attitude of surrender, giving their battles to God.

PRAYER

God, Help us to have trust in You, as Isaiah and King Hezekiah did. And to submit our lives to Your will, as Jesus did in the Garden. We know You love us and that You have a plan for our lives. We surrender all of our battles and our worries to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.